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Representative Paper of Gila County.

What is so rare as a day in December—in Arizona?

The California Bard's discordant notes grate on Arizona's sensibilities.

The president in his message to congress is most eloquent in what he does not say.

Christmas is near at hand. If you doubt it observe the increased attendance at the Sunday schools.

There was the usual abundance of floral tributes at the opening of congress. No matter how the election goes, the florist is sure to prosper.

Alas, the resolution to liberally remember our friends on Christmas is sickled o'er with the pale east of the thought—that taxes must be paid by next Monday.

The actual fight in the senate over the omnibus bill began yesterday. It promises to be a stubborn contest, with the chances against the admission of Arizona and New Mexico.

From 1883 to 1900, inclusive, Arizona produced 1,007,192,950 pounds of copper, worth, taking the average price per pound during those eighteen years, nearly \$142,000,000.

If Utah wants that portion of Arizona lying north of the Colorado river, perhaps she would be willing to pay a fair consideration for it. The territory in question is so isolated by physical barriers that it can never be of any real value to us.

The Arizona Bulletin advocates a territorial poor farm to be located in Graham county, while the Bisbee Review mildly opposes the proposition. As our friends, the Kellys, own both papers, it looks as though they ought to get together on this momentous question.

The death of Thomas B. Reed is the cause of genuine and widespread regret, and is rightly regarded as a national loss. He was a man of great intellectual, as well as physical, stature. He was, moreover, God's noblest work—an honest man.

It looks as though there is to be a Parker-presidential boom in New York. Judge Parker, according to all accounts, is worthy of the very high esteem in which he is held, and would make an ideal presidential candidate for the democracy to take up.

To the much lower prices of copper during the current year may in a measure be ascribed the heavy foreign demand, copper exports having increased eleven million dollars in the nine months ended with September, 1902, as compared with the corresponding months of 1901.

The statehood contention has reached the stage of crimination and recrimination between the politicians and their wind-jamming organs. The fact remains, however, that Mark Smith has done more for statehood for Arizona than all other forces combined, and if the territory is not admitted the republican senators will be solely responsible for the failure.

It is to the credit of the press of the country that it gives little, if any, encouragement to the movement to prevent the seating of Reed Smoot, the Mormon apostle, as United States senator from Utah. About the only effect of the Utah ministerial association's protest is to remind us that religious intolerance is about as prevalent now as it was three or four hundred years ago. The modern church lacks only the power, not the will, to persecute dissenters for opinion's sake.

The independent operators will, we think, regret their opposition to a private settlement of the anthracite controversy, since the facts being brought out before the commission seem to strongly support the contention of the miners. While the operators have acted foolishly, we think, yet it is fortunate, since in the interest of the public, that the hearings before the anthracite commission were allowed to

continue. There are many points upon which the public is eager to be enlightened, that a private settlement would have left in obscurity.

"The mineral industry is certainly playing a very important part in the commercial and industrial enterprises of the world," says the Western Mining World. "This interest is world-wide and throbs with the pulse of progress in all countries. The pick and spade, and drill, are to be found everywhere where mineral resources justify their use. In this direction the United States has at present a foremost place, both in richness of resource and magnitude of enterprise. In gold, silver, lead, iron, coal and copper, the exploitations of a century have been magnificent in scope and results."

Senator Gallinger has introduced in the senate a joint resolution providing limited statehood for the District of Columbia. It provides, by means of a constitutional amendment, that the district shall be considered a state so far, and only so far, as shall give it representation as such in the senate, the house and the electoral college. There are in the district nearly 350,000 people, making a population greater than in many of the states, and which will continue to rapidly increase, and yet these people, located at the very fountain-head of the republic, are being taxed without a vestige of representation, a principle in opposition to which this country fought and along which issue it won its independence. The demand of the District of Columbia is altogether reasonable and there should be no opposition to it.

For Change of Judicial Districts.

The Tombstone Prospector favors a rearrangement of the judicial districts that would place Cochise, Graham and Gila in one district, and locate the United States court at Tombstone.

While such an arrangement would be better than the present one for the people of Gila and Graham counties, it could be improved by fixing the federal court at Solomonville, which would be the center of the district. However, in the event of the early division of Graham county, which now seems probable, the natural arrangement of a new judicial district would include Gila, Graham and its offspring.

We agree with the Bulletin that the location of the federal court of the second judicial district at Florence is an injustice to five-sixths of the people of the district, and that "there is no other reason for holding the federal court at Florence than the personal convenience of the presiding judge. The greater part of the business of that court comes from Graham and Gila counties and the expense of the court must necessarily be much larger at Florence than it would be at either Globe or Solomonville."

R. S. Maclay, of Troy, who is a candidate for chief clerk of the legislative assembly, is strongly supported by the Florence Blade, and we fully endorse what that paper says of him in the following excerpt: "Mr. Maclay has served one term in the legislature as assistant chief clerk and during the greater part of the term discharged the duties of the chief clerk, a work for which he is exceptionally well qualified, both by practical experience and natural ability. He had previously filled other legislative clerkships and his work was faultless. Mr. Maclay is far above the average man in natural ability, is well educated and has devoted his life to clerical work. He is familiar with every detail of the routine work of a legislative body, a master of the art of keeping minutes of legislative proceedings, is a splendid and rapid penman, possesses a good voice and is a good reader, in fact possesses, to a marked degree, every natural and acquired accomplishment necessary to make an ideal chief clerk."

It pays miners and prospectors to advertise and talk about the resources and probabilities of the sections in which they are directly interested. If a mining district is worth anything at all, it is worth talking about, worth keeping before the public, worth discussing in print. If it has nothing to recommend it, if there are nothing but a few barren prospect holes there, the sooner the miner who is blowing in his money gets out the better. But if a district has merit and can show up good mineral and encouraging prospects, the man who is interested there should not hesitate to tell what they know about it. They should get their district before the public eye. Intelligent newspaper discussion of a mining section attracts attention, leads investigators to examine personally the mines of the district, and, if it proves satisfactory, then investment will follow.

The Proper Thing to Do.

Our suggestion that the few counties burdened with indigents establish and maintain a poor farm jointly, appears to have met with approval.

The Tombstone Prospector advocates establishing a poor farm on the San Pedro, between St. David and Benson, to be maintained by the counties of Cochise, Pima and Santa Cruz, and the Bisbee Review and Nogales Oasis both endorse the proposition. Perhaps if the Solomonville Bulletin would exert its influence, Graham county might be admitted to the combination.

The proposition is certainly much fairer than to establish a territorial institution and compel counties that would derive little, if any benefit, to help support it.

PROGRAM

Of the Gila County Teachers' Institute to Be Held at Globe December 29-31, 1902.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29—AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:00—Address by County Superintendent P. C. Robertson, followed by preliminary work and organization of institute.

EVENING SESSION.
7:30—Invocation.
Address of Welcome. Response.
Vocal Solo—Selected.
Reading—Selected.
Vocal Solo—Selected.
Reading—Selected.
Music—Mandolin Club.
Informal reception.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30—MORNING SESSION.

10:00—Paper—"Number Work," Miss Gungl. Discussion, led by Miss Oliver. General discussion.
10:30—Paper—"Reading in Primary Grades," Miss Gunn. Discussion, led by Miss Allen. General discussion.
11:00—Paper—"Nature Study," Miss Annie Hord. Discussion, led by Miss Gibson. General discussion.
11:30—Paper—"Busy Work," Mrs. Red. Discussion, led by E. G. Stooksbury. General discussion.

EVENING SESSION.
7:30—Music.
Paper—"English in Grammar Grades," John T. Helly. Discussion, led by Miss Commentz. General discussion.

8:45—Music.
Paper—"Vertical Writing," Miss Oliver. Discussion, led by H. Q. Robertson. General discussion.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31—MORNING SESSION.

10:00—Paper—"School Government," Miss Dot Hord. Discussion, led by John T. Helly. General discussion.
10:30—Paper—"Libraries in Country Schools," Miss Eddy. Discussion, led by Miss Gunn. General discussion.
11:00—Paper—"The Teacher as a Citizen," E. G. Stooksbury. Discussion, led by A. M. Davis. General discussion.

EVENING SESSION.
7:30—Music.
Paper—"Importance of Physical Culture," Miss Commentz. Discussion, led by Miss Eddy. General discussion.

8:45—Music.
Paper—"School Administration," J. W. Wilkinson. Discussion, led by Judge P. C. Robertson. General discussion.

9:30—Farewell Address, H. Q. Robertson.

A cordial invitation is given all teachers, friends of education and the public in general to attend the sessions of the institute and take part in all discussions. The citizens of Globe are especially urged to be present at all meetings and to do all in their power to make the teachers feel welcome and at home while in Globe.

P. C. ROBERTSON,
County School Superintendent.

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